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The Honorable Edmund Muskie
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 1(h)(10) and clause 2 of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives and of House Resolution 281 of the 95th Congress, the Committee on Foreign Affairs conducted an investigation into the Jonestown, Guyana tragedy. (See "The Assassination of Representative Leo J. Ryan in the Jonestown Tragedy, Guyana" Report of a Staff Investigative Group to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, May 15, 1979, House Document No. 96-223, 96th Congress, 1st Session).

During the course of this Committee investigation, various documents were generated, including transcripts of interviews conducted by our staff of various persons involved in the tragedy. As you know, these materials constitute records of the House and the work product of this Committee. Pursuant to an agreement between the Committee and the Department of State, some of this material was loaned to your Department for reference purposes and to aid in the Department's own investigation of the tragedy. Of course, at no time did the Committee cede control of those documents to the Department and they remain official records of the House.

I am writing now to request that due to the needs of the Committee to review this material, you forthwith return all documents, papers and materials temporarily loaned to your Department on this matter. Because of our immediate need for these documents, I request that they be returned as soon as possible but no later than January 23, 1981. Furthermore, to insure the integrity of these records and preservation and confidentiality of these documents, I request that you return any and all copies which have been made of any of the papers temporarily loaned to the Department.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clement J. Zablocki
Chairman

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